



**Sienna fans angry over 'affair'**

## Province may tinker with gas prices again

**INTERRUPTER** Speculation was rampant yesterday that the province would lower gas prices overnight.

Various media outlets said that the province may use the "interrupter clause" to drop the price anywhere from six to nine cents.

Prices dropped in Ontario yesterday morning.

The province used the clause to increase gas prices by 12 cents a litre Saturday, blaming Hurricane Ike for a drop in U.S. oil production.

Damage was not as bad as expected, and oil dropped below \$100 per barrel on Monday.

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Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, speaks to a crowd of about 1,000 people at the Metro Centre on Tuesday as part of Mount Saint Vincent University's Influential Leaders speaker series.

# Fergie talks charity

## Duchess of York captivates Metro Centre crowd

DEVIN STEVENS  
for Metro Halifax

**More than 800 people turned out at the Halifax Metro Centre yesterday for an evening with a former member of the Royal Family.**

"I can't believe I'm talking in an ice hockey rink," said Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York shortly after taking the stage for her 40-plus minute speech.

Affectionately known as "Fergie," the Duchess touched on a wide range of topics, from her emotionally painful childhood when she turned to food for comfort, to the absurdity of having a national

**"You can all make a difference. Just choose it, change it, do it, right here, right now."**

Sarah Ferguson

holiday declared for her wedding to Prince Andrew. Her casual talk, delivered without notes, was sprinkled with self-deprecating humour. It also had a few tongue-in-cheek barbs directed at her former in-laws.

"I'm just Sarah, I am Fergie, I am red headed, and I married the queen's best-looking son," she said to laughs.

But the main theme of Ferguson's speech was her charity work. She spoke at

length about the charities she helped develop all over the world. Ferguson said she still leads a public life to raise money for the less fortunate, calling herself a "foghorn for quiet whispers," and asking others to do the same.

The Duchess talked about moving a children's hospital out of a polluted neighbourhood in Poland, and building underground girls' schools in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. She said all the scrutiny —

and sometimes ridicule — she's endured has been worth it, because she's been able to help.

"You have to embrace authentic life, and you have to stand on this stage, and you have to say, 'You can all make a difference. Just choose it, change it, do it, right here, right now.'"

The evening was hosted by CTV News anchor Steve Murphy. After Ferguson's speech, the two sat down on a pair of armchairs for a conversation.

After the long talk about all she's done, one of Murphy's first questions was what Ferguson considered her job.

"I am a mom," she said.

## Cat set on fire, RCMP seek info

**LOWER SACKVILLE** The RCMP are investigating a "senseless and cowardly" act of animal cruelty after a Lower Sackville home owner woke up early Monday morning to find a cat set on fire on his front lawn.

The incident took place at around 3 a.m. on Sawyer Crescent in the Millwood subdivision of Lower Sackville.

**"It's quite troubling and we even have a hard time getting our heads around why somebody would do something so senseless and cowardly."**

Cpl. Joe Taplin

The home owner was awoken by a bright flash on his lawn. When he went to put the fire out, found a dead cat.

The RCMP and HRM Animal Control were then both called to investigate.

"It's quite troubling and we even have a hard time getting our heads around why somebody would do something so senseless and cowardly," said Cpl. Joe Taplin of the RCMP. "We are still hoping someone might have seen somebody in-around the neighbourhood at that time."

Roger Joyce, the chief investigator with the Nova Scotia SPCA, is disgusted by the incident.

"How cruel can people be," he said. "To turn around and do that to a poor defenseless animal."

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# Local



Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion waves to supporters with wife Janine Krieger and Toronto Centre MP Bob Rae at his side prior to a press conference in Halifax yesterday.

## Dion pledges drug plan

PHILIP CROUCHER  
for Metro Halifax



**Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion told a mostly partisan Halifax audience yesterday if elected he will invest \$900 million towards a new plan for catastrophic drug coverage.**

Speaking at the Sir Charles Tupper Medicine Courtyard at Dalhousie University, Dion said the four-year plan will ensure that people living with serious illness, such as cancer, diabetes or arthritis, will get the help they need in paying for necessary prescription medication.

### About economy

Dion also spoke yesterday about the economy, and took several shots at Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Dion said Harper has led the economy to its worst performance since Brian Mulroney was in office in the early 1990s.

"Our plan is about people," Dion told about 75 party supporters. "Our drug plan will help Canadians and their families facing the hardship of a catastrophic illness, and the expensive medication."

Dion said a Liberal government would work with each province and territory to de-

termine a minimum standard for the amount of federal coverage to be provided. Dion also would compensate those provinces or territories which already meet the standard determined.

In talking about catastrophic drug costs, Dion said Atlantic Canadians are the hardest hit with 24 per cent, or 600,000 people, without a drug plan.

"The federal government should be there to help," Dion proclaimed. "We'll respond."

Dion didn't get into specifics about how his party would pay for the plan, but said it would be outlined when they release their party platform.



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## High-profile Grits out for Dion

**CAMPAIGN** Stéphane Dion brought out some heavy hitters for his campaign stop in Halifax yesterday, including former Liberal leadership hopefuls Bob Rae and Scott Brison.

With consensus being the Liberal campaign has struggled in the early stages of this election campaign, which has led to questions of party unity, Rae introduced Dion for yesterday's announcement and defended his leader, saying "he was tremendously proud" of him and the campaign the party was running.

Brison, the Liberal MP for King's Hants, also showed unwavering support of Dion, stating afterwards that Canadians will come to

### Poll results

Two recent polls by Corporate Research Associates Inc. show problems for Liberal support in Nova Scotia. Last week, a poll showed support for the federal Liberals had dropped by nine points to 29 per cent. On Monday, another poll showed that just three in 10 Nova Scotians support the Liberal's "Green Shift" policy.

see him as an "honest, determined, courageous and smart leader."

"The more Canadians see of Stéphane Dion, the more they will trust him," Brison said.

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Visiting dignitary at restaurant opening  
Quinpool Road restaurant Rock Island Café is hosting a private grand opening Saturday with Bermudian Premier Ewart Brown in attendance. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Accused found fit to stand trial

### Two charged in New Year's Eve murder

BY PHILIP CROUCHER  
For Metro Halifax



**Desmond Maguire has been found fit to stand trial in the murder of 20-year-old Jennifer Horne, who was found dead last New Year's Eve in a gruesome killing in a Dartmouth apartment.**

Maguire, 38, and 21-year-old Ashley Haley, are both charged with first-degree murder in the sex-slaying case. Maguire learned yesterday inside a Dartmouth courtroom that a 30-day court-ordered psychiatric assessment showed he was fit to stand trial on the murder charge.

**"I think the people that (do the assessments) are doing their job and doing it right."**

Jennifer's father Kevin

The decision brought gasps of "yes" from Horne's family and friends, who filled the right side of the courtroom in a sea of white shirts.

"It's good news," Jennifer's father Kevin said shortly after the ruling. "I think the people that (do the assessments) are doing their job and doing it right. He's not pulling any bluffs."

Now, we just have to get (Haley) to a point where we can make this trial proceed."

Haley was in court to determine if she had found counsel. Haley, who spent most of the 15-minute proceeding looking down towards the floor, told the court in a quiet voice that she is in the final stages of getting a lawyer in place. Haley told the court she expects defence lawyer Luke Craggs to represent her.

Proceedings resume on September 29 when Haley is expected to present her counsel to the court.

A preliminary hearing remains scheduled for early January.



Decker, a six-week-old kitten, gets a bath from animal care attendant Holly Stevens at Bide Awhile shelter yesterday. Bide Awhile is looking to raise money for their new building in Dartmouth.

## Animal shelter in final push to raise funds for new home

**CAMPAIGN** Bide Awhile is launching the final push in its year-long capital campaign for its new home. The animal shelter set itself a target of \$600,000 and has to raise \$150,000 more before the grand opening of its new home in December.

The new shelter, which started taking in animals in April, was built as staff

### Location

- The new shelter is at 67 Neptune Crescent in Dartmouth.
- To donate or learn more, go to [www.bideawhile.org](http://www.bideawhile.org).

tired of turning away 30 cats and dogs a day. The old location on Eaton Avenue in Dartmouth was too small to rescue more

animals, so the board started raising money for the new home. The old place was in need of major repairs and isolated. Zoning laws prevented expansion.

"We're putting together our final appeal," board member Patrick Riley said yesterday, noting that will include bus-stop advertisements, bill boards and mail-outs.



**Breath-tester** The province announced an Alcohol Ignition Interlock program that will cost people who have lost licences from \$1,700 to \$2,000 to have the breath-testing device installed and maintained in their vehicles. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Devil's show to kick off Neptune

## High School Musical to cap 45th season

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**Neptune Theatre is back for its 45th season and it's off to a devilish start.**

The classic George Bernard Shaw play *The Devil's Disciple* will kick off the theatre's season this Friday.

The 1897 play tells the story of a self-proclaimed son of Lucifer being mistaken for a Puritan minister during the American Revolution. He becomes a hero but must save himself from the gallows.

It's the first in a series of nine plays throughout the year that span the theatre spectrum.

"We try to provide a nice cross-section of theatre so that there's really something to appeal to everybody," said Neptune General manager Doreen Malone. "Some people obviously like dramas, some people like comedies, loads of people like big musicals. We try to provide a nice mix."

The lineup includes drama, comedy, and even ends with a high-energy musical in Disney's *High School Musical*.

"Everyone's getting very excited for that. In fact we just had auditions here last week and you could feel the excitement in the building," said Malone.

*The Devil's Disciple* starts this Friday and runs until October 13th. Ticket prices start at \$15 and are available by calling 429-7070 or online at [neptunetheatre.com](http://neptunetheatre.com).



Neptune Theatre's 45th season will start with *The Devil's Disciple*, which was first produced in 1897 by George Bernard Shaw. The actors rehearsed a few scenes yesterday for the media.

### Playing this year at Neptune:

- *The Devil's Disciple*: Sept. 19 — Oct. 12
- *Frost/Nixon*: Oct. 21 — Nov. 16
- *Masked*: Oct. 28 — Nov. 16
- *Plaid Tidings*: Dec. 2 — Jan. 4
- *Skin Flick*: Jan. 20 — Feb. 15
- *Poor Boy*: Feb. 10 — March 1
- *UBUNTU: The Cape Town project*: March 10 — March 29
- *Doubt, A Parable*: March 3 — March 29
- *Disney's High School Musical*: April 14 — May 31

## Professor calls demolition proposal an 'assault on the history of Halifax'

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax

**COUNCIL** Dozens of speakers blasted a proposal to demolish the interiors of two historic properties at city hall last night.

The plans by the Armour Group would see the facades of the buildings currently housing O'Carroll's and Sweet Basil preserved, but with a nine-story concrete-and-glass office building in their place. The developer says the buildings are dilapidated and that it would be too expensive to renovate them.

Twenty-four members of

the public spoke at the council meeting, which was a continuation from last week. All opposed the plans, arguing the proposed office doesn't follow the rules for preserving heritage buildings.

Dr. Michael Goodyear called it "the most egregious assault on the history of Halifax I have witnessed." The Dalhousie professor said he thought the issue had been put to rest in 1973, when Halifax city council decided to protect the Historic Properties.

"We are rapidly becoming a city of memories, best viewed in a museum," he said.

Tom Creighton, a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee but speaking as a private citizen, called on council to follow the advice of the committee and reject the proposal.

"It's not an integrated building and it violates the rules," he argued.

Ben McCrae, chairman of the Armour Group, said the buildings aren't economically viable.

"The status quo is not an option," he said.

After more than five hours of debate, council voted to adjourn the matter for two weeks, when it will likely vote one way or the other.



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Community members will get a crack at both municipal and school board candidates at a meeting at the church on the corner of North Street and Fuller Terrace Monday. The Bloomfield Neighbourhood Residents' Association is hosting the event starting at 7 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Halifax growing fast

**DEVELOPMENT** Halifax is on pace to be the fastest-growing city east of Manitoba this year, according to a survey released yesterday.

The Conference Board of Canada's census of metropolitan areas said Halifax's forecast 2.4 per cent economic growth is due to an expanding manufacturing sector.

Non-residential construction activity is also strong and the service sector is posting solid gains.

Saskatoon and Regina topped the list at 5.2 per cent and 4.1 per cent respectively.

It's the second straight year the Saskatchewan cities have taken the top rankings.

"Both Saskatoon and Regina are on track to post their strongest rates of economic growth since 1997," said Mario Lefebvre, director of municipal studies



**Economic growth Down East is expected to be strongest in Halifax.**

for the board. "Western Canada CMAs occupy the top seven rankings."

The study put Ontario at the back of the class. The faltering province is suffering its weakest economic growth in a decade.

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**PHILIP CROUCHER**  
for Metro Halifax



**Howard Windsor is glad to see a full slate of candidates running in next month's Halifax Regional School Board elections.**

But the 57-year-old Dartmouth resident, who is running the board on his own after the previous elected group was fired, has a direct message for those who could take office.

"You have to learn very early on that it's not about you, it's about the students," Windsor said. "As a board member, yes, you represent a district, but you have to think about all the students in the Halifax Regional School Board."

"And it's duly important that when decisions are made here at the board, you can disagree, you can have a debate, but once the decision is made, then the board has to present a united front."

Windsor was appointed



**Howard Windsor at the Halifax Regional School Board headquarters in Dartmouth.**

by Education Minister Karen Casey in December of 2006 to take over the 13-person board, which was disbanded when it couldn't work together.

Since then, the school

board has reduced its number of electoral districts from 12 to 8, plus its African-Nova Scotian member.

Elections take place Oct. 18, with 37 people running

for office and at least two candidates in each of the nine seats.

Windsor will remain in his position until early November when the new board is expected to be sworn in.

"In the 18 months that I've been here now, I think between myself and (board) administrators, we've been able to help address the concerns of parents the best we possibly can and at the same time, move the system forward," he said. "So, I'm pleased with what I've been able to accomplish."

Windsor said that includes getting the focus back on educational issues and the launch of Imagine Our Schools, a long-range planning process focused on engaging the public in a constructive conversation about the future of our schools.

As for his future, Windsor doesn't know what it holds. He said retirement isn't out of the question.

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## Icebreakers sailing out

**COAST GUARD** Two Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers are moving their home ports from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland, despite a government committee's vote against the relocation.

During Tuesday's meeting of the provincial Standing Committee on Resources, Liberal MLA, Keith Colwell, introduced a motion saying the committee disapproves of transferring the icebreakers Terry Fox and Louis S. St. Laurent.

The vote passed five to three. Liberal spokesman, Kyle Harris, said only the Conservative members voted against the motion, while the Liberal and NDP supported it.

The motion is non-binding. One ship is already on route to Newfoundland. The other will leave soon.

A Liberal news release said the loss will cost Nova Scotia's economy about \$12 million. **METRO HALIFAX**

### News in brief

**LOCK OUT** Unionized employees at Logistec Stevedoring hit the picket lines after being locked out by the marine shipping company that handles coal for Nova Scotia Power. Rep Bobby Burchell was taken by surprise when Logistec gave the union formal notice of the lock out. **METRO HALIFAX**



**Jumpin' Jack...Layton?**

In an online poll, 40 per cent of respondents said they'd have the most fun at a Rolling Stones concert with NDP Leader Jack Layton. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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A pedestrian walks across a train bridge near the Dartmouth Marine Slips on Tuesday. Construction on a new 30-metre long pedestrian bridge across the Shubenacadie Canal is scheduled to begin today next to the train bridge and should be ready for use by spring.

## Trail bridge underway

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**A new bridge will carry the Dartmouth Harbour-walk Trail across the Shubenacadie Canal.**

The 30-metre galvanized steel structure with wood-deck will be a key link in providing pedestrian access over the canal and

along the waterfront. Work on the \$360,000 bridge is set to begin today, and it should be ready for use by spring.

"With this new addition, the Dartmouth Harbour-walk will now be more than 90 per cent complete," said Colin MacLean, president of the Waterfront Development Corporation. "It is one more step

toward a trail system around the harbour that allows residents and visitors to explore and enjoy the city's unique attribute — our waterfront."

The three-kilometre trail runs from the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal to the Woodside terminal. It's part of the Trans-Canada Trail and HRM's park system.

## Public transit needs funds for accelerating ridership: Study

**DEVIN STEVENS**  
for Metro Halifax

A new study says more commuters are taking buses, trains and ferries, and Canada's transit systems will burst without billions more in federal funding.

"The study demonstrates that Canada is clearly underinvested in urban transit," said Canadian Urban Transit Association President Michael Roschlaw in a news release. The association is calling on candidates in the federal election to take action.

The study says more commuters are taking transit because of rising gas prices, which the association says could triple

transit ridership across the country. It said Canada missed the "economically and socially optimal" level of transit by 74 per cent in 2006.

The association is calling for another \$40 billion in funding over the next five years.

Halifax Metro Transit spokeswoman Lori Patterson said the company's 2008 budget was \$61 million. She said 53 per cent comes from riders and two per cent comes from advertising and charters, while the other 45 per cent comes from tax dollars.

Patterson said the feds have already started to kick in more money. "Now we're getting public attention and support," she said.

### On a roll

- In a Canadian Urban Transit Association poll, 40 per cent of Canadians said they are considering a move to public transportation, if they haven't already.

"Our ridership has been growing anyway, and now on top of that we have the increasing fuel costs. So we've started to get support from federal funding."

Patterson said the city's aging infrastructure needs ongoing support, not one-time gluts of cash. She said Metro Transit isn't looking for alternate revenue streams right now, but it's always an option

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# Canada/World



18-year-old Stephanie Hendrie is reunited with her mother Heather yesterday afternoon outside of a Toronto high school that was in lockdown mode after an afternoon shooting of a student.

## Teen shot outside school

Toronto student suffers life-threatening injuries

**A 16-year-old student is in critical condition in hospital after he was shot outside a Toronto high school, yesterday.**

According to Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, the 16-year-old was involved in an altercation "with a number of young men" when one pulled out a gun, fired and hit Taimone Moore in the abdomen.

### search is on

• At least three other males were involved in the fight and ran away after the shooting. They are being sought by police.

By the time police arrived, Moore had fled inside before collapsing in a pool of blood in the main hall-

way. Blair said the teen was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital with life threatening injuries and is now listed in critical condition.

Dozens of students witnessed the brazen attack. A person of interest was taken into custody for questioning around 4:30 p.m., but police have not released the name of the suspect.

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### News in brief

**PRIME NUMBERS** Jeff Gilchrist, a Carleton University doctoral student, is part of an international team that has discovered the largest known prime number which contains 12.9 million digits. It is the first prime number ever discovered with more than 10 million digits and qualifies for the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) Cooperative Computing Award of \$100,000 U.S.

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## U.S. bumps back Khadr trial

**WAR CRIMES** The U.S. military has reset the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal of Canadian Omar Khadr for Nov. 10, meaning his murder trial will be delayed until after elections in Canada and the United States.

Omar Khadr's trial was scheduled to begin on Oct. 8, but a military judge postponed it this month

amid defense complaints that the government failed to turn over evidence.

The November trial date was announced yesterday for the Toronto-born Khadr, who was 15 when captured after a firefight at a suspected al Qaeda compound in Afghanistan and accused of throwing a grenade that killed a U.S. soldier.

REUTERS

## Kidnapped reporters captured on video

**Al-Jazeera television yesterday aired a video showing a Canadian and an Australian journalist kidnapped in Somalia last month, and said the pair were appealing to their governments to work for their release.**

Canadian Amanda Lindhout, Australian Nigel Brennan and Somali reporter Abdifatah Mohammed Elmi, who was

working as their translator, were seized on Aug. 23 by gunmen near Mogadishu.

The video showed Lindhout, wearing a long robe, and her colleague along with armed men. She was speaking to camera but the audio track was not aired.

The television said the kidnappers, calling themselves Mujahideen of Somalia, accused Canada and

Australia of "taking part in the destruction of Somalia" and demanded that they review their policies.

An official for the group Reporters Without Borders said last week that the kidnappers were seeking \$2.5 million for the return of the captives.

Somalia's Islamist insurgents have denied being behind the kidnapping.

REUTERS

## Dating Down Underwear



An Australian postal worker drives in front of a billboard with women dressed in underwear in Sydney. An Australian dating service has been plastering images of single people dressed only in their underwear on billboards across the nation.

## Pakistani planes bomb militants

**BOMBINGS** Pakistani aircraft bombed militant strongholds yesterday, killing 14 insurgents, and a suicide car-bomber attacked security forces, killing three soldiers, military officials said.

The violence came as the top U.S. military officer, Admiral Mike Mullen, arrived in Pakistan, where stepped-up U.S. strikes on militants on the Pakistani side of the Afghan border have angered Islamabad and strained relations between the allies.

REUTERS

### News in brief

**POLITICS** U.S. presidential candidate John McCain may take his running mate Sarah Palin to the United Nations next Tuesday to give her the chance to meet a few world leaders, U.N. officials said yesterday.

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## Election 2008



## NDP

## Layton pledges new bank rules

**ECONOMY** NDP Leader Jack Layton kept the spotlight on the economy yesterday. Calling the U.S. credit crisis a "wake-up call," Layton said he would launch a full review of how the financial service sector is regulated in Canada. "Let's face it. We're facing one of the biggest financial shocks that we've seen in an awful long time here in North America and globally," he said.

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# Don't fear majority: PM

**Conservative Leader Stephen Harper is suggesting that his next government — even if it is a minority as he predicts — would govern as if it had a majority when it comes to issues of the economy and crime.**

At a roundtable discussion yesterday with about 30 ethnic media reporters from the Greater Toronto Area, Harper was asked to comment on the day's events — including bad economic news stemming from the U.S. and a



**"I'm not predicting a majority. I'm running to get a strong mandate."**

Stephen Harper

shooting at a Toronto school.

Though he declined to comment on the school shooting, Harper delivered a defence of his party's position on gun crime that veered into how he would approach the next Parliament.

He suggested that while a majority is not to be expect-

ed, it is also not to be feared.

In any event, he made clear a stronger mandate would give him permission to run his legislative agenda as he sees fit.

Asked how a majority government would change his approach, Harper for the first time appeared to open the door to a possible majori-

ty win.

He said polls "all show us in the lead," but not all the surveys show the Conservatives winning a majority.

"I'm not predicting a majority. I'm running to get a strong mandate."

But Harper then took a new tack on the message of economic stability that he has been pushing since the election began, saying he won't tolerate "sabotaging" of the government's economic agenda either.

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## News in brief

**CAMPAIGN** Justin Trudeau has been chosen as enemy No. 1 by a separatist group in Quebec. The Young Patriots of Quebec — which describes itself as an activist group of "indépendantistes" from age 7 to 77 and which also demonstrates frequently for the primacy of French language rights — yesterday launched its campaign against Trudeau, a star Liberal candidate for the Montreal riding of Papineau.

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**27** days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

## Heard on the Street: Do we need this federal election?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada



**Tasha Toinks**

age 20,  
Halifax

A: I actually don't pay any attention to politics and I don't vote. So, you know, I just live for me.



**Roger Leborgne**

age 43,  
Halifax

A: I think we need to get rid of Stephen Harper. Just because I don't like his way of doing business. Nothing personal.



**Bill Soper**

age 54,  
Halifax

A: We already have a municipal one going on and I think that's plenty. I think it's a waste of tax dollars quite honestly.



**Claudia Bonifay**

age 19,  
Montreal

A: Yes. I want some changes in Ottawa. The campaign should be longer though so we have the time to know what the parties have to say and to make a clear choice.



**Marie-Eve Claudia**

age 26,  
Ottawa

A: It's hard to tell if the population is satisfied with the present government. An election will confirm if the government is moving in the right direction or if people want changes.



**Tina Goralewski**

age 22,  
Toronto

A: Not really. Because it doesn't seem like much has changed since the last one and I think it will be the exact same thing in the next one (minority government).



**Teri Freeman**

age 24,  
Calgary

A: I think this whole thing is kind of a waste of time. Everybody knows how they're going to vote anyway and nothing has come up so far that's going to change anyone's mind.



**Vern Dolinsky**

age 30,  
Edmonton

A: I think it is necessary because they haven't really been accomplishing much in Parliament. It's just a chance to reset everything and start from scratch.



**Danielle Behan**

age 24,  
Vancouver

A: Yeah. With gas prices and everything, I think it's getting kind of ridiculous. I don't think the Conservatives are very focused on that.

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**St. Lawrence Seaway says union has strike mandate**

The company that runs the St. Lawrence Seaway said yesterday its 445 unionized workers had voted in favour of giving their union a strike mandate, but added it hoped to avoid a stoppage. Collective agreement talks start up again on Oct. 6. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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**Business in brief**

**RULING** The Ontario Superior Court has ruled that Bell Canada Inc. improperly collected millions through its \$25 "administrative" fee imposed on late-paying satellite television customers, and said it amounted to a criminal rate of interest. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

**EXPANSION** Shoppers Drug Mart expects to add 50 new stores to its existing 1,100 over the next five years. **REUTERS**

**SURPLUS** Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says Canada will post a budget surplus in 2008-2009 of over \$3 billion. **REUTERS**

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**U.S. markets Feds rescue AIG**

Journalists interview an American International Group employee outside AIG's world headquarters in New York yesterday. Shares fell 48 per cent yesterday, and the Federal Reserve later said it will loan AIG up to \$85 million to stave off bankruptcy.

## Emergency funds flow as investors fret

### Feds try to contain bank fallout

**Central banks pumped emergency funds into world financial markets for a second day yesterday in an increasingly fraught effort to contain the fallout from the crisis sweeping Wall Street's biggest firms.**

But concerted global injections of hundreds of billions of dollars failed to bolster sentiment or prevent a surge in the cost of borrowing between banks, which jumped well beyond the level hit when the global credit crunch first gripped markets in August 2007.

"The banking crisis is not over and we have potentially a difficult few months to get through right to the end of this year," said Padhraic Garvey, head of investment

grade strategy at ING.

The interest rate banks demand for lending dollars overnight to other institutions surged above 10 per cent, signalling an escalation of mistrust. **REUTERS**

**In crisis**

- Manulife Financial Corp. said it could acquire AIG's variable annuity business and other lines if the troubled insurer sells them
- BCE Inc. shares have dropped 9 per cent this week as investors worried that funding for the company's \$34.8-billion buyout may fall apart
- Sun Life Financial says it will take a charge on its Lehman investments totalling \$349 million

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Carolina Hurricanes centre Rod Brind'Amour underwent successful surgery on his left knee yesterday. Brind'Amour, 38, had torn cartilage in his meniscus removed from the knee, and is expected to be back in action for the start of the regular season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Gloves come off for female sports fans

New book revels in women's love of all things big league

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Women enjoy professional sports. They really, really do. This is a generalization, I know, but it's a cold, hard fact if you believe what's written in a new book called **GAMEFACE**, The Kick-Ass Guide for Women Who Love Pro Sports.

Women "may not fill our brains with as many numbers as some male fans do," **GAMEFACE** says, "but we appreciate the intricacies of the game, understand its complexity and appreciate the larger implications of sports. We get it. Most of us just aren't quite as obsessive about it as some of our male counterparts."

So there. Women share our passion and co-authors **Erica Boeke** and **Chris De Benedetti** do their utmost to prove it in **GAMEFACE**. Clearly, they did their due diligence and dug up what they believe females need and want to know to augment their apparent affection for sports. And their New York-based publisher, Virgin Books (please, let that go) provided them with 348 pages in which to get their mission accomplished.

The writers are life-long sports fans who obviously live and breathe this stuff and are determined to share their knowledge



Passionate female fans, like these two Tampa Bay Rays boosters, abound in the world of pro sports.

### Slump busters?

On Page 126 of **GAMEFACE**, co-authors Erica Boeke and Chris De Benedetti tell readers all about "slump busters," when athletes go to bars to find "overweight, ugly women" for the purposes of sleeping with them — preconceived efforts to end their slumps.

with fellow females. They smother readers with mostly riveting information in quick-hitting, easy-to-read fashion.

"Sure," the book says, "women sports fans don't mind that there are some fine looking men in sports, and we loved posting the 'Would you rather shag Tom (Brady) or Eli (Manning)?' question to our friends during the weeks

leading up to the 2008 Super Bowl ... But women also love players for their hearts, minds, characters and gravity-defying skills."

**GAMEFACE** is laden with details about sex scandals, including a couple of old pitchers (**Fritz Peterson** and **Mike Kekich**) swapping wives, and a one-night stand involving entertainer **Madonna** and ex-sluggo **Jose Canseco**.

There are stories about lousy national-anthem performances and athletes who tried to cross over into music, often embarrassing themselves.

The authors also discuss fashion in sports — raving, incidentally, about the old Montreal Expos' chapeaus, which they called "very cool," and ripping the threads of the Denver Broncos, tennis player

**Rafael Nadal** and sportscaster **Craig Sager**.

There's a nifty chapter on superstitions in sports, which describes not only the Curse of the Bambino (**Babe Ruth**) but also the Curse of **Jessica Simpson**.

The authors recount famous feuds, pranks and couples (NHLer **Mike Comrie** and singer **Hilary Duff** made the book). There also are stories about crime and drugs and cheating and ...

Yep, they cover all every woman (and man, for that matter) needs to know about the sports they love, and then some. The book doesn't hit shelves until October, but in the meantime, check out [www.GoGameFace.com](http://www.GoGameFace.com).

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Schneider put on waivers

The Anaheim Ducks waived defenceman Mathieu Schneider yesterday. The move was made at noon EDT, which means that the remaining 29 NHL clubs have 24 hours to pick up the 39-year-old rearguard or his rights revert back to the Ducks. Schneider, left, recorded 12 goals and 39 points in 65 games last season. **Metro News Services**



## Petitclerc goes out with golden victory

She is rolling perfection; Canada's gold standard of the three-wheel set. So, how appropriate it was yesterday that when Chantal Petitclerc finished the 1,500-metre wheelchair race in Beijing and ended her illustrious Paralympics career, she broke away from the pack to cross the finish line all alone.

After all, no one came close to her at these Paralympics where she won five gold medals and set three world records. Few Canadians have entered her stratosphere as athletes or inspiring role models.

"When I saw I was on my own, it was like a bonus," the 38-year-old Montrealer said of the exclamation point on her career.

"It felt like a gift to finish it all alone."

Perhaps it was a repayment, a bit of payback for all that the effervescent yet relentlessly tough Petitclerc has given her sport and her country. As one of Canada's most decorated Paralympians, she has brought home 21 medals from five of these quadrennial meets, a treasure-trove



Canada's Chantal Petitclerc celebrates as she crosses the finish line yesterday in the women's 1,500-metre T54 final at the Paralympic Games.

of excellence that includes 14 golds. Michael Edgson, a blind swimmer who lives in Delta, B.C., won 18 gold and three silver medals over three Games.

Petitclerc has also received many honours off the track — Maclean's magazine named her Canadian of the Year in 2004 — and she annually receives consideration for the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's athlete of the year. Undoubtedly, she will again this year.

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TONIGHT'S GAMES

Val-d'Or at Cape Breton, 7

Chicoutimi at Gatineau, 8:30

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Val-d'Or at HALIFAX, 7

Acadie-Bathurst at P.E.I., 7

Shawinigan at Lewiston, 8

Rimouski at Quebec, 8

Gatineau at Drummondville, 8:30

Chicoutimi at Victoriaville, 8:30

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

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N.Y. Yankees 80 71 530 10

Toronto 80 71 530 10

Baltimore 67 82 450 22

CENTRAL DIVISION

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Minnesota 82 68 547 2

Cleveland 73 77 487 11

Detroit 70 80 467 14

Kansas City 67 84 444 17%

WEST DIVISION

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Texas 75 77 493 18%

Oakland 69 80 463 23

Seattle 57 93 380 35%

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

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w.N.Y. Mets 83 67 553 1%

Florida 78 72 520 3%

Atlanta 67 84 444 17%

Washington 58 93 384 26

CENTRAL DIVISION

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Milwaukee 83 68 550 9

Houston 80 70 533 14%

St. Louis 78 72 520 13%

Cincinnati 69 81 460 22%

Pittsburgh 63 88 417 29

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Arizona 73 76 490 5

Colorado 69 83 454 10%

San Francisco 68 82 453 10%

San Diego 58 94 382 21%

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 2 Toronto 0

Chicago White Sox 6 N.Y. Yankees 2

Kansas City 6 Seattle 3

Tampa Bay 2 Boston 1

Texas 5 Detroit 4

Minnesota at Cleveland

L.A. Angels at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 2

Chicago Cubs 5 Milwaukee 4

Colorado 10 San Diego 3

Florida 5 Houston 1

L.A. Dodgers 6 Pittsburgh 2

Philadelphia 8 Atlanta 7

Washington 1 N.Y. Mets 0

San Francisco at Arizona

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota at Cleveland, 8:05

Chicago Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05

Baltimore at Toronto, 8:07

Boston at Tampa Bay, 8:10

Detroit at Texas, 9:05

Seattle at Kansas City, 9:10

L.A. Angels at Oakland, 11:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego at Colorado, 4:05

L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 8:05

Houston at Florida, 8:10

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8:10

N.Y. Mets at Washington, 8:10

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 8:10

Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 9:05

San Francisco at Arizona, 10:40

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FRIDAY'S GAME

Winnipeg at Hamilton, 8:30

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Calgary, 7:30

B.C. at Saskatchewan, 10:30

SUNDAY'S GAME

Edmonton at Montreal, 2

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WEEK 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Tennessee, 2

Oakland at Buffalo, 2

Carolina at Minnesota, 2

Kansas City at Atlanta, 2

Tampa Bay at Chicago, 2

Arizona at Washington, 2

Miami at New England, 2

Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 2

St. Louis at Seattle, 5:05

Detroit at San Francisco, 5:05

New Orleans at Denver, 5:05

Cleveland at Baltimore, 5:15

Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 5:15

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:15

Dallas at Green Bay, 9:15

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MONDAY'S GAME

N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 9:30

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Mont Allison 0 2 0 0

Acadia 0 0 0 0

FRIDAY'S GAME

Mont Allison at Saint Mary's, 7

SATURDAY'S GAME

Acadia at St. Francis Xavier 2

## Sports in brief

**MLB** Ten former major league players, including Joe Torre, Gil Hodges and Maury Wills, will be considered for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee, it was announced yesterday.

**NFL** The Denver Broncos shipped backup wideout Keary Colbert to the Seattle Seahawks yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Blue Jays lose game, Marcum to arm injury

**MLB** Luke Scott homered and Chris Waters hurled nine scoreless innings to lead Baltimore over the Blue Jays 2-0 in the opener of a three-game set last night in Toronto.

Waters completed a contest for the first time in his career, scattering four hits while fanning three and walking two.

Shaun Marcum took the

loss, charged with two hits and a run over two-plus innings before leaving the game with right forearm numbness.



Waters

The Jays have dropped three straight games.

**Rays 2 Red Sox 1** — Catcher Dioner Navarro slugged a bases-loaded hit in the bottom of the ninth to lead the Tampa Bay Rays over Boston last night to reclaim the AL East lead by one game over the Red Sox.

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## AUS hockey

Former Saint Mary's Huskies captain Ryan Bowness has signed with the California-based Ontario Reign of the East Coast Hockey League. The 25-year-old Halifax native wrapped up a four-year career with the Huskies in the spring. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Lions cut down by Lumberjacks

New Junior A team defeated by old one

**Lumberjacks 7 Lions 3**

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**The Halifax Lions were thumped soundly in the franchise's first home game at the Halifax Forum last night.**

The good news — and on the flip side, the bad news — is that not very many people were on hand to see it.

The Lions, the latest incarnation of the Maritime Junior A Hockey League in Halifax, went down 5-0 in the opening period to the Bridgewater Lumberjacks and eventually lost 7-3, with an announced attendance of 656 and an estimated crowd of less than 400.

If first impressions mean anything, the Lions are lucky the fans stuck around for the final 40 minutes.

"Any time you're down 5-0 after one, you've gotta be

disappointed," Lions head coach Tyler Naugler said. "But it's growing pains. We're not panicking."

"I would have liked to have given the fans a better showing than that, but I hope they have the patience I have."

**"Any time you're down 5-0 after one, you've gotta be disappointed."**

Tyler Naugler

Attendance figures like last night's are similar to those that forced the Halifax Wolverines to pack their bags and move to Bridgewater. The rebranded Lumberjacks came back to their old stomping grounds with a vengeance.

Bright spots for the Lions were former P.E.I. Rocket forward Chad Locke, whose slick moves resulted in a highlight-reel goal, and the rugged Riley Lewis, who went toe-to-toe in an entertaining bout with

Lumberjacks tough guy Anton Manson.

Tanner Manson and Jonathan McArthur also scored.

The Lions outscored the Lumberjacks 3-2 in the final two periods and finished with a 40-37 shooting edge.

"I think we definitely showed we're going to be a hard-working team, after that showing in the second and third periods," Locke said. "Even though we came out flat, you can tell, we're mentally tough. We regrouped and put a better effort in."

Naugler said there is "pride for junior A hockey in Halifax," and he hopes the fan base will grow with the team.

"We have our followers and when we came off, they gave us positive reinforcement, something to build on," Naugler said. "We're going to continue to put a better product on the ice and make the fans happier each and every night."



Halifax Lions forward Brad Ross and Doug Burns from the Bridgewater Lumberjacks battle for the loose puck in front of Lions goaltender Daniel Stein during the Lions' Maritime Junior A Hockey League home opener last night.

## Voracek impressing Blue Jackets

**NHL** The Columbus Blue Jackets have shut down Jakub Voracek at an NHL prospects tournament in Traverse City, Mich.

The former Halifax Mooseheads star impressed the Blue Jackets so much after two games that they pulled him out of the lineup last night, the Columbus Dispatch reported.

Voracek

The 19-year-old right-winger collected two assists and fired five shots on goal through two games at the tournament. He is expected to return to action for the Blue Jackets' main training camp and will participate in the NHL pre-season.

In the unlikely event Voracek doesn't make the Blue Jackets, he will return to junior to play for the Mooseheads.

Voracek, the highest-drafted player in Mooseheads history, was picked seventh overall in 2007. He had 187 points in 112 games during two seasons with the Mooseheads.

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## Canadians complete comeback

**Canadians 8 Bearcats 3**

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**BASEBALL** The Halifax Pelham Canadians have done the unthinkable.

The Canadians beat the Truro Bearcats 8-3 last night at Mainland Common to win their Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League best-of-seven semifinal 4-3,

completing a remarkable comeback after they lost the opening three games.

"It was absolutely unbelievable," Canadians coach Cecil Wright said. "The pitching was spectacular the final four games to hold Truro down and you can imagine how excited the players are. They were like little kids out there."

"Tonight was like they won the World Series."

Halifax used a four-run fifth inning to grab an 8-1

lead. Mark Haverstock's pitching was a key, as he returned from suspension to allow just five hits in five innings for the win.

Shawn Walsh had two singles and an RBI and Adam Lucas helped out with a single and two RBI.

The Canadians advance to the best-of-seven final against the Kentville Wildcats. The winner joins host Dartmouth Moosehead Dry at the 2009 Canadian championship.

## Huskies hold on to No. 3 ranking

**CIS FOOTBALL** The Saint Mary's Huskies are holding down third spot in the latest Canadian Interuniversity Sport's football rankings.

The Huskies, who are 2-0 and coming off a 35-27 road win over the Bishop's Gaitsers, have been ranked third since the pre-season. The rankings, released yesterday, tab the Laval Rouge et Or (2-0) as the No. 1 team for the third straight week.

The Western Mustangs are second. The Huskies host the Mount Allison Mounties on Friday at 7 p.m.

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## Blair's big day pays off with AUS weekly honour

**AUS FOOTBALL** Allistair Blair's monster day on the ground has earned him Atlantic University Sport football's offensive player of the week.

The Saint Mary's Huskies' fourth-year running back carried the ball 19 times for a career-high 223 yards in a 35-27 road win over the Bishop's Gaitsers on Saturday, putting him atop the conference with 295 total yards through two games.



Blair

Huskies kicker Justin Palardy, who nailed four field goals in Saturday's win, earned the special teams nod.

Bedford defensive lineman Scott Sheffer of the Mount Allison Mounties earned the defensive nod, recording six solo tackles in a 23-22 setback to the Sherbrooke Vert et Or. He has a conference-best 9.5 tackles through two games.

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# Automotive

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## Infiniti thinks outside box

### 'Coupe-inspired SUV' has both brawn and beauty

LORNE DRURY  
for Metro Canada

Infiniti's new 2008 EX35 is one of the new wave of compact luxury vehicles based on a car platform, in this case the G35 sedan.

Every so often a vehicle comes along that doesn't fit in one of the standardized little compartments those in the automotive world like to refer to as segments.

One such example is Infiniti's new 2008 EX35, which the manufacturer describes as a "coupe-inspired SUV," and many in the business would put in the small, but growing, compact luxury sport utility class.

That may be as good a way to put it as any because it sure is sporty, but many would argue with the utility part of the equation because the EX35 is far from what one is used to in a traditional sport utility vehicle.

That's because cargo volume is limited when the back seat is in use and the legroom in that backseat area is less than what you would find in most other SUVs.

If anything, I would put the EX35 in the crossover category because it is based on the same platform as the popular G35 sedan.

But regardless of how you describe it or what segment it fits in, there is no denying the EX35 is one beautiful vehicle.

And because it is car-based, it handles like a sports sedan or coupe and due to its size, is easy to

manoeuvre in tight city driving.

In short, the perfect vehicle for those upscale suburbanites who want sporty looks, above-average performance and a touch of luxury in a smaller wagon-style package.

Infiniti has also packed in a lot of interesting new technological goodies into the EX35, including the optional Lane Departure Prevention system and Around View Monitor.

My tester was a loaded model with all the toys Infiniti offers in the EX35. It topped out at \$50,050 plus freight and PDI.

Not a vehicle for anyone light in the pocketbook, but sure one I would love in my driveway.



The interior is every bit as attractive as the exterior styling. Note the wave-style dashboard treatment and soft-touch materials used inside the cabin.

It is powered by the same 3.5-litre V6 engine that is in the G35 sedan. The engine produces 297 hp and is mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with manual

shift mode. The same all-wheel drive system utilized in the 2008 M, FX and G Sedan is standard in the new EX35.

Styling wise, the EX35 has the looks of its FX sib-

#### 2008 Nissan Infiniti EX35

Type: Compact luxury SUV

Price: \$50,050

Engine: 3.5L DOHC V6

HP: 297 hp

#### Highlights

- Great looks
- Handles like sport sedan

ling. Sleek, flowing lines, the long hood and coupe-like roofline produce an appealing exterior package.

"The EX35 is the perfect fusion of a luxury coupe and a high-utility SUV," said Ian Forsythe, director, corporate and product planning for Nissan Canada Inc.

da Inc.

"It's 'right-size' packaging gives it excellent around town maneuverability, while the wide rear hatch and low load floor make it a versatile performer for everyday and weekend use."

Turning to the interior, the cabin is as beautiful as the outside with a "wave-inspired" instrument panel, high-contrast gauges with white and violet illumination, soft touch materials and pleasing hospitality lighting.

During my test, I found the heated leather seats were soft, supportive and comfortable. An eight-way power driver's seat and four-way power passenger's seat are standard.

On the road, the EX35 delivers a smooth, comfortable ride with brisk acceleration.

In terms of fuel economy, the EX35 is rated as 12.9L/100 km city and 8.5L/100 km highway using premium gasoline.

Similar to the G35, the EX35 has an independent double wishbone front suspension with stabilizer bar and an independent multi-link system on the rear with stabilizer bar. Steering is power assisted and anti-lock braking with Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) is standard.

Two trim levels are offered on the EX35 — Luxury and Journey. Starting at \$40,400, prices climb to the low-\$50s.



As any parent will attest, the most important factors to consider when picking out a new car in conjunction with a new slate of classes are affordability, reliability, practicality and safety.

## Chevy tops back-to-school cars list

The editors of U.S.-based Kelley Blue Book have announced their picks for the 2008 Top 10 New and Top 10 Used Back-to-School Cars to help students and parents decide which rides are best to consider for their next vehicle purchase.

Whether school is across town or on the other side of the country, the beginning of a new academic year often necessitates the purchase of a new (or used) car.

As any parent will attest, the most important factors to consider when picking out a new set of wheels in conjunction with a new slate of classes are affordability, reliability, practicality and safety. Most students, however, would likely trade all those attributes for a heavier helping of cool and fast.

Below, are the Top 10 New and Top 10 Used Back-to-

School Cars for 2008 from Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com:

#### TOP 10 BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARS: NEW

- 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt
- 2008 Ford Focus
- 2008 Honda Fit
- 2008 Hyundai Tucson
- 2008 MAZDA3
- 2008 Scion xB
- 2008 Subaru Impreza
- 2008 Suzuki SX4
- 2008 Toyota Matrix

- 2008 Volkswagen Rabbit

#### TOP 10 BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARS: USED

- 2008 Chevrolet Aveo
- 2007 Dodge Caliber
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# Avant garde to the max

## Audi A6 blends excitement and practicality

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Your car has arrived! Let me introduce you to the Audi A6 Avant 3.2 S-Line.

The A6 is Audi's mid-size offering, slotted between the A4 and A8 ranges, and is tied to the family through shared styling cues. The contours of the shoulder line sweeping up and the movement of the dynamic line above the side sills give the entire body of the car a unique push in forward design. Seen from the front, the trapezoidal design of the single-frame radiator grille is the shared front fascia styling cue of Audi models.

Avant identifies the station wagon version developed on the sedan's platform. Not the square wagon of your grandparents, but a very stylish, swoopy one. The luggage compartment in the A6 Avant is as advanced as the rest of the vehicle. It employs two securing rails that are recessed into the floor. They



are fitted with four sliding, adjustable, and lockable load-retaining lugs that can be used to secure items of almost any size.

Also using these rails is a removable telescoping arm and a retractable cargo strap. Both of these items help to separate and secure items in the cargo area. The load floor itself can be folded and locked in a variety of positions to divide the cargo area.

The 3.2 identifies the size of the engine, a 3123cc V6 FSI with 255 hp and 243 ft-lbs. of torque. FSI is Audi's direct injection technology.

A direct injection engine delivers a more dynamic response with higher torque and power output, and lower fuel consumption.

Other exciting features of the FSI engines are on-demand fuel supply, four-valve technology, a variable intake



As for the interior, it is simply a sumptuous place to spend time, either cruising or driving the Avant like a top-level sports car.

manifold and infinitely variable camshaft adjustment, which give the driver a dynamic and powerful reaction to every movement of the accelerator. All this equals muscular torque and high fuel efficiency.

Finally, S line is a package that regroups a number of exterior elements including a distinctive front grille with S line badge, aluminum door sills with S line badges, S line front

and rear bumpers and 18-inch 5-arm quattro GmbH wheels with 245/40/18 summer performance tires or an optional two piece 19-inch 20-spoke alloy wheel with performance tires.

Being an Audi, this A6 Avant sends the power through the now legendary Quattro all-wheel-drive system, a package that seems to have been tailor made for our country.

## Media heaven behind wheel

Audi has just broken the sound barrier with an advanced new in-car entertainment system that offers exceptionally easy and intuitive control of iPods, MP3 players and CDs, but actually doesn't need any of them.

With its new integral hard drive, the latest Audi Multi Media Interface (MMI) is capable of storing up to 4,000 tracks internally, more than enough even for long-haul trans-continental holiday journeys.

When MMI is combined with the optional Audi Music Interface, the driver can remotely control an iPod or other music storage device using the central MMI control knob with its new built-in joystick and the four logically arranged push buttons grouped around it.

Full track and title listings are displayed on the sophisticated in-dash screen, and tracks can be scrolled through and selected in much the same way as they are using the iPod itself, earning the system plenty of plaudits already for its clarity, accessibility and ease of navigation.

Features available as part of the latest system also include DAB digital radio reception, analogue and digital TV reception and DVD playback, all through the large in-dash monitor.

The new high-tech hard drive has a total capacity of 40 GB, 10GB of which is given over to the 4,000-song mobile jukebox facility that can be loaded using SD memory cards. It also holds satellite navigation



Audi has introduced the Audi MMI that features integral 4,000-song jukebox, full remote iPod control and HDD navigation.

data covering the whole of Western Europe, replacing the outgoing system's already widely acclaimed DVD-based technology.

The new hard disk dramatically enhances the already high quality mapping offered by the Audi Satellite Navigation System Plus, significantly increasing the degree of detail and offering a new 3D digital topographical view which gives a pictorial depiction of key landmarks to add even greater context.

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# Travel

## Paddling underground

Heading to the Mayan Riviera? Adventure company Alltournative is offering a new half-day outing called Rio Secreto, or Secret River, for a small group. Equipped with helmets with flashlights, wetsuits and life jackets, the group descends to the underground river, where they can explore the caverns, stalactites, stalagmites, corals and other natural treasures hidden in the underground world. Visit [alltournative.com](http://alltournative.com).

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# On safari in the English countryside

EMMA E. FORREST  
Metro World News

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conservation work done by the park to protect and breed endangered species with the aim of returning

## On the web

- Visit [totallywild.net](http://totallywild.net) for more information about Livingstone Safari Lodge.

them safely to their homeland.

You'll get a wake-up call and a coffee and croissants at dawn so you can set off in your safari 4x4 across the 100-acre African Experience reserve to catch the animals as they hunt for their first snack of the day.

You'll get your own, typically generous safari breakfast when you get back to the lodge, before setting off for the main park to meet the other animals insidiously, including tigers, snow and clouded leopards, red pandas, howler monkeys, black rhino, elephants and gorillas.

# Smitten and surprised with Slovenia

## The Travel Junkie

Julia Dimon

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Europe and I don't usually get along. Expensive, predictable and over-run with tourists, central Europe is a part of the world my wandering spirit and wallet like to avoid.

I prepared for my trip to Slovenia with a little re-

search. Bordering Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Austria, the Republic of Slovenia gained independence from the former region of Yugoslavia in 1991. A population of 2 million, most of them Roman Catholic, Slovenia has its own language, but English is widely spoken.

Since it's officially in central Europe, I had to expect the usual: crowded attractions, octogenarian tour buses and an unforgiving Euro that kicks our currency's butt. Instead, I discovered Slovenia is a hidden gem. My trip started in Ljubljana, a vibrant

capital city that exists off the radar of most travellers. My days were spent touring the Old Town, and nights sipping local beer and debating with students about which one was better — Lasko or Union?

From Ljubljana, I traveled to Bled, a tiny community on the edge of Triglav National Park. Set against a backdrop of the snow capped Julian Alps, Bled "bleeds" medieval charm and romance. Visitors can take a boat tour to the church of St. Mary in the middle of the lake. From there, after walking up the 99 steps to the top of the

cathedral, tourists have a chance to make all their wishes come true. Legend has it that if you honor the Virgin Mary by ringing the church bell three times, your wish will be granted.

From trendy Ljubljana to the foothills of the Alps, I found myself completely smitten with Slovenia. The landscape is gorgeous, the city streets squeaky clean and there is a Mediterranean vibe of sophistication, without the pretension — or price of other Euro countries.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; [juliadimon.com](http://juliadimon.com).



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Rumer Willis, daughter of actors Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, will be playing a character by the name of Mac Taylor in CSI: NY's 100th episode that is scheduled to air on Nov. 19. EW.COM

# Entertainment



## Hanks tribute

The Film Society of Lincoln Centre will pay tribute to actor Tom Hanks at its annual gala on April 27, citing Hanks' talent of making "a good man compelling." IMDB.COM

# Time is everything for Barker

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**It's just about the worst news you can hear. But when Irwin Barker was given one year to live last June he decided to fight back the only way he knew how.**

"My wife and I were together, it was a hard kind of thing to have to phone the rest of the family and talk to them about," said Barker. "I basically just said I'm going to fight it by using my comedy."

Barker has long been one of Canada's most successful comics. He's been nominated for several Gemini Awards and written for shows like This Hour has 22 Minutes and The Rick Mercer Report.

His newest project is his

most personal. After his cancer diagnosis Barker set out on a cross-country comedy fundraiser for cancer research.

His gigs ranged from theatres to hospital wards. His trip is chronicled in the new documentary *That's My Time: A Comedian's Stand Up to Cancer*.

"To me it wasn't so much making humour out of it, but making humour in spite of it. I'm not out of the woods with it, it's just one of those things where I'm going to continue to write and do comedy and be creative and let that be my battle against it," said Barker.

It wasn't easy. He was undergoing chemotherapy at the time, which led to both emotional and physical exhaustion. Still, with

**"I'm going to fight it by using my comedy."**

Irwin Barker

the support of family and other comedians — stars like Brent Butt and Rick Mercer appear in the film — he kept going.

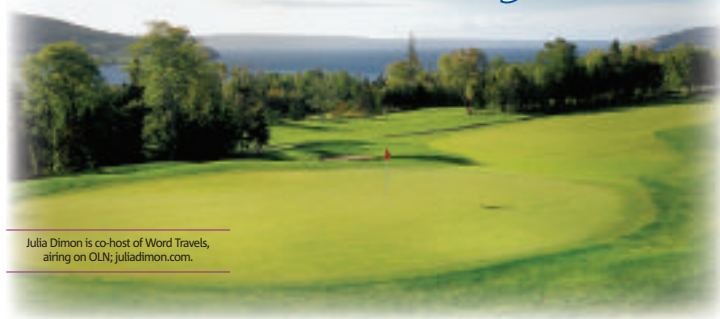
"There were times I just didn't feel like it, that's for sure. But just carrying on no matter what, that's part of the struggle and part of the battle," Barker said. "Cancer has my body but it doesn't have my spirit. And I'm not going to let it go into that domain."

That's *My Time* plays on CTV Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. An encore presentation plays on Bravo Sunday, Sept. 28, at 9 p.m.



Award-winning Canadian comedian Irwin Barker is using laughter to help beat cancer.

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**FILM FESTIVAL** Today is yet another exciting day for the Atlantic Film Festival. Here are some promising films screening today:

*Un Conte de Noel* (Oxford Theatre at 7 p.m.): One of the most highly acclaimed films to hit the festival this year, this French movie won a Special Jury Prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival. It tells the story of a family broken apart by tragedy.

*Frame x Frame III: Docs* (Park Lane at 7 p.m.): New to this year's festival is this collection of short, animated documentaries. But perhaps the biggest draw is the lone non-documentary, *I am So Proud of You*, by the hilarious and inventive filmmaker Don Hertzfeldt.

*Lost Song* (Park Lane, 9:25 p.m.): If you saw New Brunswick filmmaker Rodrigue Jean's last film, *Yellowknife*, you're probably still recovering. Now he's back with another suspenseful, disturbing feature to bend your mind.

*Heaven on Earth* (Oxford, 9:30 p.m.): Deepa Mehta, one of Canada's premier filmmakers, is back with the follow up to



*OTTO*: Or, Up With Dead People screens at midnight at Park Lane.

her Academy Award-nominated film *Water*. It chronicles an Indian woman coming to Canada to meet her husband in an arranged marriage, and shows her struggles in a male-dominated culture.

*Otto*: Or, Up With Dead People (Oxford at Midnight): Do you like social satire? How about zombies? How about hardcore

pornography? If you answered yes to all three, this film will probably be a highlight of your life.

### Atlantic film fest

• For more information on films being screened during the film festival, visit [www.atlanticfilm.com](http://www.atlanticfilm.com).



Thirids for chef?

Chef Jamie Oliver, right, has reportedly revealed that he would love to add a son to his family even if that means adopting. He and his wife, Jools, already have two daughters. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



Group says Guru mocks religion

**MOVIES** Leading Hindu groups are urging film bosses not to release Mike Myers' comedy flop *The Love Guru* in India for fear of riots on the streets, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.



Officials at the Universal Society of Hinduism, who spearheaded a Hindu boycott of the film in North America, have joined with other leading groups to call for a nationwide ban on the movie, claiming funnyman Myers mocks the religion in the film.

There are no immediate plans to release the movie in India and officials insist it's best left that way.

Metallica poised to top charts

**MUSIC** Metallica's first album in five years will take the No. 1 slot on the U.S. pop chart when sales data is issued today, according to preliminary estimates.

The album is already No. 1 in Britain, having gone on sale worldwide last Friday, Reuters reports.

Informed sources estimate Death Magnetic sold 450,000-500,000 copies across the United States during the week ended Sept. 14.

McGregor mutes cancer news

**PEOPLE** Actor Ewan McGregor is playing down his recent "cancer scare," because his life was not in question, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

McGregor attempted to deal with his basal cell carcinoma quietly, but word spread that McGregor was battling cancer. However, he hates the idea he's a survivor. "I quickly discovered it's a very common and treatable condition. I would hate to say I had a cancer scare, because it's not fair to people who really have cancer scares."

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# HBO going old, old school

**HBO — THE NEW PBS?**

There was a day when U.S. public television was known for its quality documentaries and period costume dramas — the latter usually imported from Britain — but every time I tune in these days they're either showing some dubious motivational speaker holding forth to an audience of retirees about either money or health, or in the middle of a filmed concert featuring doo-wop or reconstituted classic rock bands performing to an audience of the same retirees who've had a chance to change from their sport jackets to those oversized, high-quality t-shirts that look like they're dry-cleaned.

Last weekend I was leapfrogging up the dial to the local PBS affiliate hoping at least for a rerun of *As Time Goes By*, only to be treated to the sexagenarian Trogs in the middle of *Wild Thing*, part of a night of garage and frat rock bands in front of the usual audience of semi-ecstatic grandparents. Not just during fundraising drives but during the balance of the broadcasting year, PBS has become the house network of the AARP.

A stray spark leapt across the synapses this week when I read about the latest show to get greenlit by HBO. It's been fascinating watching the jewel in the crown of quality cable during these last few post-Sopranos/Sex And The City years, as it's been struggling to restore its vitality and reputation in the face of misfires and executive shakeups while onetime also-rans like Showtime, FX and AMC have stepped into the void they've left behind.

A massive new hit from HBO would not only be

nice for them, it would be the uplifting last chapter to a story about how a commercial entity lost and then rediscovered its creative inspiration against all apparent odds.

That's a 5,000-word magazine story I'd love to read. HBO is going about reviving its mojo in a curious way; a historical miniseries about the largely unsung second president of the United States has been its most recent critical hit, and they've taken that as a cue and given the go-ahead to *Manhunt*, a new miniseries about the 12-day search for John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, in the days just following the end of the U.S. Civil War.

*Manhunt* will reunite David Simon, the creator of HBO's *The Wire*, with Tom Fontana, the man behind *Oz*, for the first time since Fontana turned a book Simon had written as a crime reporter in Baltimore into the NBC series *Homicide*. It was originally conceived as an ac-

tion-oriented thriller featuring Harrison Ford as the cavalry officer who finally corners Booth.

But the option on Ford ran out, according to a story in *Broadcasting & Cable* magazine, and Simon and Fontana decided to take the story in a less Jack Ryanesque direction. "I don't do action," said Simon.

One can't help but speculate how far HBO can go down this road — perhaps a real-time series about the decimation of Galveston, Texas by a hurricane



U.S. TV network HBO has reportedly been in a creative funk since this scene from *The Sopranos* aired more than a year ago.

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Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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family	49	49	49	COUR	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas		The Simpsons
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	47	47	47	SPACE	StarGate SG-1 (DVS)		Lost "The Moth"			Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Battlestar Galactica
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	251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy		America's Next Top Model (N)		90210 "The Bubble"
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critics' corner

**Gok's Fashion Fix**  
Even those who think fashion-related television is dull — who can afford those clothes, anyway, and what real person looks good in them? — will like this new series hosted by Gok Wan ("How to Look Good Naked"). He shows how to replicate designer looks for a fraction of the cost, while sidekick Alexa Chung stages humorous "road tests" of hot styles. 11 PM on W



**Do Not Disturb**  
When Neal (Jerry O'Connell) decides to hang a giant bird cage in the bar of The Inn to put his top-notch female staff on display, Rhonda (Niecy Nash) warns him it may be against hotel policy. Downstairs, Larry (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) gives Gus (Dave Franco) inside information about female guests to he can sweet-talk them into tipping better. Audrina Patridge checks in. 10:30 PM on FOX

**The Riches**  
Depression isn't easy to cure, but Wayne (Eddie Izzard) is getting desperate, as Hugh's (Gregg Henry) mental state is threatening to scuttle the Bayou Hills deal. While trying to save Hugh, he's also forced to deal with more of Eden Falls' prominent citizens when Cael (Noel Fisher) gets into trouble at school. Marlene Driver and Shannon Marie Woodward also star in "Field of Dreams." 11 PM on SHOW

## Celebrity Buzz

## Sienna fans outraged by 'affair'

**ONLINE** The fallout continues from actress Sienna Miller's romance with actor Balthazar Getty, MSN Entertainment reports.

Her biggest fan site, Sienna-Miller.org, has decided to pack it in because of her liaison with Getty, who, while still married, is no longer with his wife.

"We do not know the whole story behind this affair, and some may argue it is not our place to judge BUT when Sienna can cavort so publicly and so shamelessly with this man who is married and does have four children (including a baby only a few months old) with his wife, my respect for her

goes out of the window," writes the webmaster. "One minute she says she wants to be taken seriously as an actress and she's sick of all the false stories about her in the press ... and the next she's topless on a beach with a married man's hands all over her — come on Sienna, you know the paparazzi are going to be around. If she was serious about being taken seriously, she would, well, not display herself so publicly like this."

Unless a suitable replacement is found, the site will soon close up shop for good.

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## Victoria talks muse

**CAREER** Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham has written a heartfelt letter about her fashion dreams coming true — and how husband David inspires her new men's line, People.com reports.

"This past year has been amazing, not only as a mother and wife but as the Creative Director of my label 'dVb by Victoria Beckham,'" Victoria, 34, writes on her website. "In just under two years dVb has grown from a passionate idea into collections which are stocked in

top stores around the world — something I only used to dream of."

Fuelling her dream, as her label leaps the gender gap, is her spouse.

"The label grows as I do," she writes.

"Along with women's denim the dVb mens collection has just launched, and who better than David to be my muse!"



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## celebrity brief

## Allen excited about album

**MUSIC** Lily Allen has revealed that her new album is to be released on Feb. 9, the Daily Mirror reports.

"I am so excited, we're getting all the artwork and stuff done and coming up with new and interesting ideas," Allen posted on her Myspace blog about her latest offering. "I hope you'll all love it as much as I do."

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## Federline warns Paris

**PEOPLE** Kevin Federline has warned Paris Hilton to stay away from Britney Spears, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The dancer and rapper, who has two children with ex-wife Spears, told the hotel heiress to leave the singer alone because she does not need any bad

influences in her life.

Federline reportedly told the socialite he does not want Spears to return to her troubled lifestyle for the sake of his children Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2.

"It was quite a chilling warning," a source told Britain's Daily Star newspaper.

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## Rihanna's troubled childhood

**PEOPLE** Rihanna rarely gets drunk because she was taught the dangers of booze by her reportedly alcoholic father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Barbados-born star recently revealed that her childhood was blighted by her dad's alleged drink and drug problems, admitting that as a

child she was often left to care for her younger brothers while her mother was at work.

But Rihanna insists that the behaviour of her father — who left home when she was nine — taught her some valuable lessons.

"I'd go out and get drunk in Barbados, but I never went over the top," she says.

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So it sounds like **Victoria Beckham** has finally revealed the secret of her design success. She says hubby David, famous footballer, is her muse. Victoria ought to be careful about relying too much on her husband for design inspiration. All his ideas are bound to be so 'footy-focussed' they may not be quite Project Runway worthy.

Allow me to do what I always do when I have no actual evidence to back up my thesis, and simply make up examples that I imagine may result.

*Jewel Protection Pants* are fashionable slacks with the interesting added feature: a pair of padded, crossed hands strategically sewn across the crotch. You'll never be ill-prepared for a surprise free kick again, even if it happens at the club.

*The Red Card* is an attempt to bring back the classy jacket pocket puff, albeit in the form of a bright red square which the dashing young dandy can pull out just like a referee anytime he wishes to banish an offending 'player' from the dance floor, a restaurant or taxi cab.

Because no outfit is complete without footwear, Rooney Runners, named in honour of dynamic but frequently imbibing English player Wayne Rooney, are basic white sneakers with a twist. They're tastefully splattered in decorative fake vomit.

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## celebrity brief

## Thieves spare Moss' ring

**CRIME** Model Kate Moss is relieved a \$360,000 US ring was spared after vandals targeted her car, imdb.com reports.

The 34-year-old was stunned when thieves broke into her Range Rover outside her north London home, and feared her solitaire diamond ring had been stolen in the raid.

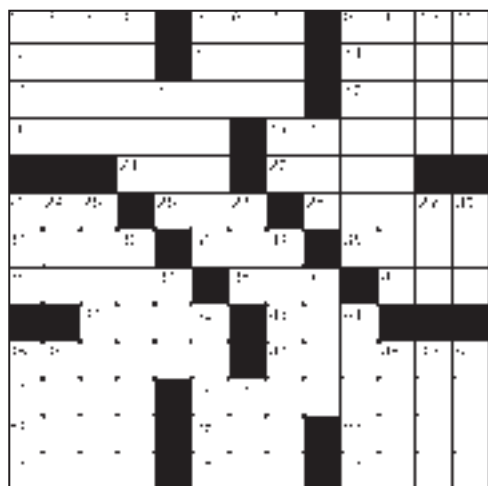
But Moss was delighted to learn the vandals only retrieved \$18 and a box of chocolates.

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## Take Five



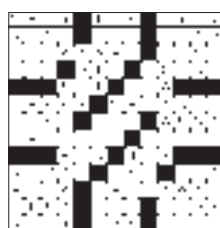
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- 1 Lone Ranger trademark
- 5 Tit for —
- 8 Big bothers
- 12 Killer whale
- 13 Miners' gathering
- 14 Unuttered "alas"
- 15 Muscle relaxant
- 17 Part of TLC
- 18 Wooden shoes
- 19 USNA freshmen
- 21 Lennon's love
- 22 One of the Jackson 5
- 23 Dancer Charisse
- 26 Help
- 28 Cockpit occupant
- 31 Raised platform
- 33 Prune
- 35 Farewell, in Florence
- 36 Make like Torvill and Dean
- 38 "A mouse!"
- 40 Weep
- 41 Actress Sorvino
- 43 Have a bug
- 45 Snuck a look
- 47 Nap
- 51 Mortgage datum
- 52 Oblique
- 54 Microwave, e.g.
- 55 A billion years
- 56 Dines
- 57 Twerp
- 58 Trench
- 59 Being (Lat.)

### Crossword down

- 1 1960s London subculturists
- 2 Met melody
- 3 Wound cover
- 4 Buzzing instrument
- 5 It's turned when plowing
- 6 Coach Parseghian
- 7 Lure
- 8 Spartan
- 9 Fiendish
- 10 Shrek is one
- 11 "Take Her, — Mine"
- 16 Sicilian spouter
- 20 Back talk
- 23 LPs' successors
- 24 Tibetan beast
- 25 Twice the radius
- 27 Buck's mate
- 29 Rowing tool
- 30 Plaything
- 32 Wages
- 34 Lowly one
- 37 Before
- 39 Chess piece
- 42 Venomous viper
- 44 Detached
- 45 Pt. of speech
- 46 Roof overhang
- 48 Responsibility
- 49 Uses a ray gun
- 50 Otherwise
- 53 Debt notice

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

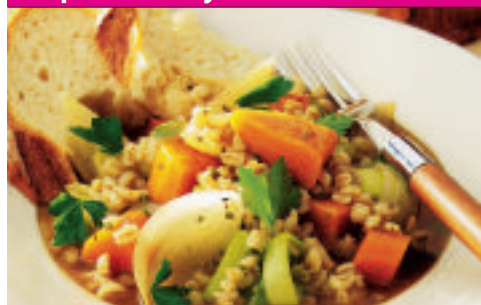
- Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

### Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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### Recipe of the day



COOK SMART FOR A HEALTHY HEART

### Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

This easy, one-pot dish of root vegetables and pinto beans makes a nourishing fall dinner and needs no accompaniments.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 small acorn squash
- 1 lb (500 g) new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 parsnips, cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 large zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
- 2 tsp (10 mL) olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra sprigs to garnish
- 2 cans (19 oz/540 mL) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (250 mL) apple cider
- 1 cup (250 mL) hot low-sodium vegetable broth
- Salt and pepper

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve the squash and remove the seeds, then peel the skin and cut the flesh into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks.
2. Put the squash in a bowl and

add the potatoes, carrots, parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle the olive oil over the vegetables and toss to coat evenly. Stir in the garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.

3. Lay the rosemary sprigs on the bottom of a large roasting pan and spread the vegetables on top in a single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.

4. Remove from the oven and stir in the pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover the pan tightly with foil, then return to the oven and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove the rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

**SERVES 6**

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to [rd.ca](http://rd.ca) or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!



### Horoscopes

### AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You can conquer restrictions without a struggle. A stroke of luck leads to success. Someone doesn't understand your opinions.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



Request help from ruthless people. Surprise a friend with a thoughtful remark. Don't get carried away with a stranger.

#### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



An important letter becomes a vexation. A trumped-up story creates intolerance. Define your standards for a sad person.

#### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



You should expect affection from a youthful person. Trust your feelings when you have complaints. Friendliness wins over a self-righteous loser.

#### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



Rearrange your expectations of authority. An amiable man jogs your memory. Someone plays second fiddle to a lazybones.

#### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Try to wipe away your doubts. You'll be celebrating an excellent prospect. A friend's strange remarks will unnerve you.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



A disagreement about privileges leads to changes. Get the facts straight or you'll make pathetic mistakes. Trust that things can be done quickly.

#### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



Don't refuse to admit overhearing a conversation. Someone is teasing a wishy-washy guy. A secret rendezvous will take its toll.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



A challenge results from a misunderstanding. Inspiration finds you some noisy supporters. You'll have a hair-raising adventure.

#### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



Start the ball rolling, because success is nigh. A man in despair talks of world weariness. Someone's feelings are made of balsa wood.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



Try to get concessions from a virtuous person. Don't waste time or money. A failure can be a source of pleasure.

#### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



You know more than you're letting on about something. A confident person will contribute staying power. A dreamer comes out in the open.

### This day in history

- SEPT. 17, 1630: The city of Boston, Massachusetts, is founded.
- SEPT. 17, 1787: The United States Constitution is signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- SEPT. 17, 1814: Francis Scott Key finishes his The Star-Spangled Banner poem.
- SEPT. 17, 1908: The Wright Flyer flown by Orville Wright, with Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge as passenger, crashes; killing Selfridge. He becomes the first airplane fatality.
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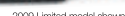
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